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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A surgical method to treat osteonecrosis of the femoral head comprising (1) a surgical step to osteotomize trochanteric area[, adjacent to subtrochanteric area but not the subtrochanteric area, without detaching the greater trochanter,] starting with the first cut at the junction of the greater trochanter and femoral neck proximally, extending distally and laterally up to half of the width of the greater trochanter and then the second cut is angled from the first cut along the base of the femoral neck ending at the middle of the lesser trochanter and the final cut is again angled medially and proximally through the lesser trochanter, (2) a surgical step to rotate the head and neck portion so that the intact portion of the head can be rotated superiorly, and (3) a surgical step to fix the osteotomy site by screws.